

# STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

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## CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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### COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

#### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The third meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, March 13, at the nurses' home of the County Hospital at Martinez, with Dr. M. L. Stauffer presiding.

Dr. B. M. Palmer of Oakland read a most up-to-the-minute paper on *Resection of the Prostate with the Electrocautery Knife*, illustrated by slides, and a very enlightening film of the technique of the operation. Through the courtesy of the General Electric Company and the Victor Company, Mr. Lipman presented one of the most instructive demonstrations we have ever had in a moving picture on *The Mechanism of the Heart-Beat, and the Electrocardiograph*. The scientific program was brought to a close by a fascinating talk by Dr. E. Huntington Benson of Berkeley on *Cardiac Disturbances*.

Doctor Stauffer announced that the next meeting will be held at Richmond on April 10, with Dr. Harry Ford, chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p. m., followed by the customary buffet luncheon, which was prepared by the nurses of the County Hospital.

CLARA H. SPALDING, *Secretary*.

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#### HUMBOLDT COUNTY

The Humboldt County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting on April 19 at the Eureka Inn. Orris R. Myers, president, presided. There were in attendance twenty-five members and twenty-three members of the Humboldt County Nurses' Association. The society had as its guests Major Pilbury and medical staff of the C. C. C. organization.

The work the University of California Medical Department is doing toward the outside patients referred from local men was the subject of a paper by Dr. Langley Porter. Dr. S. R. Mettier spoke on *Pernicious Anemia and Treatment*, and Dr. D. S. Morton on *Uterine Carcinoma and Treatment*. Dr. C. T. Hayden accompanied the visitors.

These papers were well received and greatly increase the interest of our members in the county medical meetings.

The following committee was reported by Doctor Myers on Medical Jurisprudence: Doctors G. F. Norman, Allen Watson, and J. S. Woolford.

A discussion by Doctor Norman was held on the ownership of x-ray films.

At the next meeting, which will be held on May 17, beginning with a dinner at the Hotel Vance, Dr. Nathan G. Hale of Sacramento will present a paper on some urological topic.

LAWRENCE A. WING, *Secretary*.

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#### MONTEREY COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Monterey County Medical Society was held on April 6 at the Hotel Del Monte. There were twenty-one members present to enjoy the dinner at 6:30, which was served in the Gold Room of the hotel. Following this, Dr. Harry Lusig-

nan presented a brief summary of the essential features of the *Detroit Plan*, stressing the fact that this was not an insurance scheme, but rather a plan to get the public away from the free health clinics and back to the family doctor. The discussion which followed indicated the society's approval of the idea, and a committee was appointed, composed of Doctors Sweigert, Gray and Lusignan, to confer with the Public Health Department in developing this plan.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. R. A. Kocher of Carmel, presented a very interesting and instructive paper on the *Ketogenic Diet* in the treatment of urinary tract infections. The paper was discussed by Dr. Hugh Dormody, who was very enthusiastic over the results obtained by this type of treatment at the Monterey Hospital Clinic. The surprising fact was brought out that, while it has been known for years that epileptic patients put on the ketogenic diet are quickly free from urinary tract infections, the value of this treatment to other types of patients had not been appreciated.

The next meeting, to be held at King City on May 4, will have papers by Doctors C. B. Gorham and S. W. Hastings.

W. H. LAWLER, *Secretary*.

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#### ORANGE COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Orange County Medical Association was held on April 3 at 8 p. m. at the Orange County Hospital.

The scientific program had for its subject, *Tuberculosis*. Dr. E. W. Hayes of Monrovia talked on the value of oxypertoneum in tuberculosis of the intestines and peritoneum. Dr. Chesley Bush of Livermore gave a series of lantern slides on *Tuberculosis in Childhood and Adolescence*. He emphasized many conceptions which have been changed in the last few years in regard to this type of pathology.

An afternoon program was held, to which all interested in tuberculosis were invited. It consisted of the following: Demonstration of pneumothorax technique; demonstration of oxypertoneum technique by members of the hospital staff; tuberculosis ward rounds, Doctors E. W. Hayes and W. S. Wehrly; demonstration of phrenico-exaeresis, in main surgery, by Dr. H. A. Johnston.

WALDO S. WEHRLY, *Secretary*.

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#### SACRAMENTO COUNTY

A regular meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was called to order at 8:30 p. m. at the Sacramento Hotel by the president, Dr. Oscar F. Johnson, on February 20. Thirty-seven members were present.

A symposium on coccidioides granuloma was presented as the program for the evening.

Dr. James T. Vance opened the discussion with a paper on the *Differential Diagnosis of Coccidioides Granuloma*. He reported nine cases during the past five years at the Sacramento Hospital. He pointed out that it was chiefly a California disease, the cause of which was discovered by Doctor Rixford. At first it was thought to be a protozoan disease later determined to be a fungus. The types (acute, subacute, and chronic) were outlined and illustrated by case histories. The differential diagnosis was discussed and reported that a few patients have been cured.

Dr. T. M. Berman gave a paper on *The Laboratory, Postmortem, and Pathologic Findings in Coccidioides Granuloma*. Portal of entry the respiratory system. The dissemination of the disease throughout the body was described.

The third paper in the symposium was read by Dr. Orrin S. Cook. He described the x-ray findings of coccidioides granuloma and compared, in lung pictures, tuberculosis and acute inflammatory processes. He also described the appearance in bone lesions.

Dr. C. E. Schoff discussed the manifestations of coccidioides. He mentioned that it stimulates any chronic granuloma. The skin manifestations are protean. The different types were discussed. The different methods of treatment were outlined—iodids, tartar emetic, dyes, etc.—but none of them were specific.

Lantern slides were used to illustrate different papers of the evening.

Those who took part in the discussion of the papers were: Doctors Scatena, Lawson, Burden, Babcock, and Harris. Doctor Berman closed the discussion and reported cases.

Dr. V. W. Pallesen's application for membership was read for the second time and voted upon. It was passed. The applications for membership of Dr. Mamie G. Pallesen and Dr. T. M. Berman were read for the first time.

The food handlers' report was read. It was moved and seconded that the food handlers' report be accepted. Passed.

Doctor Johnson appointed the following to serve on the Banquet Committee: Doctors A. M. Henderson, F. B. Reardan, and Bernard J. Rea.

FRANK WARNE LEE, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society was held at the County Charity Hospital in San Bernardino on Tuesday, April 3. The meeting was called to order by the president at 8 p. m. There were about fifty members and guests present.

Mr. Thuresson addressed the meeting on the *Federal Relief Act*. This was followed by a discussion by Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Fleming.

The following program was given:

A paper on *Clinical Obstetrics* was presented by Dr. H. G. Hill.

Following Doctor Hill's paper, motion pictures were shown through the courtesy of Mead Johnson & Company, of the following: *Breech Extraction with Forceps*; *Breech Presentation with Manual Aid*; and *Left Mediolateral Episiotomy and Repair*. A. T. GAGE, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held in the Medico-Dental club-rooms, Stockton, on April 5.

The application for membership in the San Joaquin County Medical Society of Dr. Verne Ross of Stockton was read and was referred for action to the Admissions Committee.

Doctor Gallegos stated that the Stockton Chamber of Commerce desired to increase its membership and urged all physicians who were not members of the Chamber of Commerce to become members at their earliest convenience. Dr. George Sanderson brought up the question of the present status of the hospital and medical insurance plans in Stockton. President Gallegos, in answer to Doctor Sanderson, stated that a recent ruling of the Attorney-General necessitated the posting of a \$25,000 bond with the Insurance Commissioner before such an insurance program could be instituted, and until there were some changes made in the law or the interpretation of the law, that the local plans could not be made active.

The scientific program was the presentation of a paper by Dr. Albert H. Rowe of Oakland. The title of this paper was *Allergy in Relation to the General Practitioner*. Doctor Rowe illustrated his talk with numerous lantern slides and stated that the field of allergy is increasing. He stated that too much reliance should not be placed on the skin tests, but the history of the condition, coupled with an elimination diet, should be taken to verify the skin reactions. The paper was discussed by Doctors Diffenbacher, Doughty, D. Powell, Bolinger, and Rohrbacher.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

G. H. ROHRBACHER, *Secretary*.

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#### SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held on Monday, April 9, at the Bissell Auditorium of the Cottage Hospital, with President Markthaler presiding.

Doctor Lamb introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. J. R. Shuman of Los Angeles, who gave an extremely interesting paper on *Pneumonias in Children*. This was discussed by Doctors Lamb, Howard Eder, Richter, and Cresson.

Doctor Brown read a very instructive paper on *Collectivism in Medicine*, which was a résumé of his opinions formulated during his thirty years of practice.

Mr. Martinsen gave a brief talk on the *Santa Barbara Associates*, explaining their aims and objects. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried, that the society endorse the movement of this organization, and the Public Relations Committee was instructed to act as a coordinating committee between the society and the organization.

Dr. George H. Harris of Santa Maria was unanimously elected into membership of the society.

Owing to the brief amount of time, and the importance of the reports of the Dispensary Committee and the Medical Economics Committee, it was moved and seconded that the society hold a special meeting Monday evening, April 16, for submission of these reports and for their discussion.

WILLIAM H. EATON, *Secretary*.

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#### SOLANO COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Solano County Medical Society was held at the Hotel Casa de Vallejo on Tuesday evening, April 10, at eight o'clock, with Dr. John W. Green presiding.

Supervisors Danielson, Sheveland, and Birchmore were special guests of the evening.

An illustrated talk on the Alameda County Health Insurance Plan was given by Dr. Charles Dukes of Oakland. In his talk Doctor Dukes pointed out the method adopted by Alameda County in handling indigents and those of limited means. The talk was well received by the members.

The society went on record as endorsing a campaign that is to be started by the Vallejo Tuberculosis Association early next September. It is the plan of the Vallejo Tuberculosis Association to try to launch a campaign in an attempt to uncover any tuberculosis that may exist among the pupils of the Vallejo high schools.

The society went on record as favoring a joint meeting with the members of the Contra Costa County Medical Society in June, the meeting to be held in Vallejo.

It was also decided to have a medical program put on by the University of California medical staff some time in the fall, the date to be announced later.

A communication was read from the Napa County Medical Society asking the attitude of our society upon their new x-ray fee schedule, which they had adopted and forwarded to the Industrial Accident Commission and the State Compensation Insurance Fund. After a discussion the society went on record as endorsing the Napa County schedule.

It was moved and seconded that the Solano County Bar Association be invited to be guests of the Solano County Medical Society at a joint meeting to be held in the fall. The subject of *Medical Defense* will be the topic of the evening, and it is hoped to have Dr. B. W. Black, medical superintendent of the Alameda County Hospital, as the guest speaker.

A discussion on the care of indigent patients was carried on by the society members and County Supervisors Sheveland, Danielson and Birchmore. Various difficulties from the physicians' and from the supervisors' standpoints were brought out and discussed. While there was no definite program adopted, it was

suggested that another meeting be held in the near future, at which time a definite program would be adopted.

Announcement was made of a joint meeting with the Napa and Solano County dental societies, to be held at the Hotel Casa de Vallejo at 8 p. m. on May 8. It was announced that this would be a dinner meeting and would be followed by a program of speaking.

AMBROSE J. RYAN, *Secretary*.

#### SONOMA COUNTY

The Sonoma County Medical Society held its meeting for the month of April at the Occidental Hotel in Santa Rosa on April 12, Dr. E. J. Finnerty of Sonoma presiding.

Dr. Montague S. Woolf and Dr. T. Mullen of the University of California Medical School were the guest speakers. Dr. Woolf's paper on *Cancer of the Rectum* was illustrated by motion pictures. Doctor Mullen spoke on *Cancer of the Stomach*. The papers of the guest speakers were highly appreciated by the society.

The application of Dr. L. W. Hines for membership was favorably acted upon and he was welcomed into the society.

The May meeting will be held as a clinic at the Sonoma State Home. W. C. SHIPLEY, *Secretary*.

#### TULARE COUNTY

A stated meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society was held on the evening of March 25 at 6:30 o'clock. Dinner was served at Motley's Confectionery.

Dr. Donald Fowler, president, presided. There were present twenty-five members and guests.

An application for membership was received from Dr. Charles M. Matthias of Tulare, and he was invited to attend our meetings pending approval of his application.

Doctors Betts, Cohn and Guido reported their various experiences while attending the recent sectional meeting of the F. A. C. S. held in Los Angeles. The report was enjoyed by all who were unable to attend and stimulated interest in attending other medical meetings.

The program for the evening was presented by Dr. John V. Barrow, professor of medicine at the College of Medical Evangelists. His subject was *Clinical Amebiasis*. The paper was supplemented by motion picture demonstration of the living ameba, a work in which Doctor Barrow has pioneered.

General discussion and questioning followed the paper.

KARL F. WEISS, *Secretary*.

#### VENTURA COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Ventura County Medical Society was held at the County Clinic Building of the Ventura County Hospital on Tuesday, March 13.

Doctor Osborne was program chairman and presented Mr. Max Heinzman and Doctor Maulhardt, who gave very interesting talks on our local *County Health Problems*.

At the business meeting that followed, the application of Doctor Stoll of Oxnard was read and it was sent to the state society for approval. The reports of the Public Relations Committee were then given. Doctor Coffey, chairman, reported that he attended the meeting of the Public Health League in Los Angeles on March 16. He commented on various activities of the League and the good work it is doing.

A letter from Doctor Livingston of Oxnard was read, submitting his resignation, stating that he has retired from practice.

FRED A. SHORE, *Secretary*.

#### YUBA-SUTTER COUNTIES

On April 10 the Yuba-Sutter County Medical Society met at the Marysville Hotel, Marysville.

There was a full attendance of all regular members and visitors from Chico, Colusa, Williams, and other near-by towns.

The following resolution on the death of Dr. Gray was unanimously passed by the Yuba-Sutter County Medical Society:

*Whereas*, Death has removed from our midst our esteemed colleague and friend, Dr. Allen E. Gray; and

*Whereas*, Doctor Gray was a superb representative of the ethical practice of medicine, a keen up-to-date student, a careful, considerate consultant, frequently our personal medical adviser, and the adviser of our families, a sincere friend that we shall sadly miss; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Yuba-Sutter Medical Society that we adopt these resolutions in his memory by a standing vote; that a copy be sent to Mrs. Allen E. Gray; that a copy be spread upon our records; and that another be sent to CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

Dr. Bernard Kaufman of San Francisco read a paper on *Anginal Pain*, which was illustrated with x-rays. The benefit of his personal experiences was brought into this lecture. A vote of thanks was extended to Doctor Kaufman by the society. Dr. Neal M. Loomis was voted a member on transfer from Marion, Indiana.

F. W. DIDIER, *Secretary*.

#### CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

##### New Members (57)

*Alameda County*.—Burton W. Adams, Nicholas J. Clecak, Frederick G. Novy, Richard A. Young.

*Butte County*.—W. B. Johnson.

*Fresno County*.—William H. McGehee, Bernard M. Sorauf, Lloyd B. James.

*Humboldt County*.—Francis M. Bruner.

*Lassen-Plumas County*.—Fred Jay Davis, Jr.

*Los Angeles County*.—

Harry E. Bicknell  
Edward W. Bodman  
H. L. Charles  
George K. Dazey  
M. A. Desmond  
Stephen B. Devin  
Dorrell G. Dickerson  
Alvin W. Folkenberg  
Henry F. Gallagher  
Robert B. Haining

Irving L. Josephs  
Raymond W. Kelso  
James O. Lindsey  
Robert D. Mace  
Walter W. Manton  
Mark Mizener  
S. Gordon Ross  
R. A. Steere  
Alfred D. Trotter

*Marin County*.—Theodore C. Harper.

*Monterey County*.—Gustav Eberhardt.

*Riverside County*.—Alexander H. Conrad, Curtis C. Hambo, Alfred M. Tunnell.

*Sacramento County*.—Viggo W. Pallesen.

*San Bernardino County*.—Charles J. Clock, C. A. Love.

*San Diego County*.—H. W. Dickerson, Alice L. Kelly, Everett M. Stone.

*San Francisco County*.—Herman V. Allington, A. A. Gilman, Edward M. Bixby, Charles A. Noble, Jr., Max H. Teitler, Thomas A. Wong.

*San Mateo County*.—Harry E. Mason, Robert F. Montieth.

*Santa Barbara*.—Bard S. Berry, George H. Morris.

*Santa Clara County*.—Leslie B. Magoon.

*Siskiyou County*.—Edwin R. Cole, William H. Haines.

*Sonoma County*.—Carroll B. Andrews.

*Stanislaus County*.—Lillie A. Arnett.

*Ventura County*.—George L. Cody, William E. McCoy.

##### Transferred (12)

Herman V. Allington, from San Francisco County to Alameda County.

Milton B. Bransford, from Yolo - Colusa - Glenn County to Solano County.

Leonard J. Brunie, from Santa Barbara County to Los Angeles County.

Yolanda S. Brunie, from Santa Barbara County to Los Angeles County.

Ernest C. Foster, from Fresno County to Kings County.

Thomas P. Gocher, from San Francisco County to Marin County.

Ruth H. Hubbert, from Los Angeles County to San Luis Obispo County.

Guy L. Kay, from Orange County to Shasta County.

Frank E. McCullough, from Sacramento County to Alameda County.

J. Norman O'Neill, from San Diego County to Los Angeles County.

John T. Perry, from Fresno County to Kings County.

Ernest P. Wheeler, from Los Angeles County to Fresno County.

#### Resigned (4)

Charles T. Hayden, from San Francisco County.

Alma Nemir, from San Francisco County.

C. A. Queirolo, from Alameda County.

Margaret Wythe, from Alameda County.

## In Memoriam

**Bacon, David N.** Died February 12, 1934, age 72. Graduate of Chattanooga Medical College, 1892. Licensed in California in 1900. Doctor Bacon was a member of the Kern County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Gray, Allen Earl.** Died March 16, 1934, age 46. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, in 1911 and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Gray was a member of the Yolo-Colusa-Glenn County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Klutho, John Cornelius.** Died March 16, 1934, age 59. Graduate of Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, 1898. Licensed in California in 1914. Doctor Klutho was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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**McCarty, Isaac A.** Died March 23, 1934, age 75. Graduate of St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1883. Licensed in California in 1889. Doctor McCarty was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

### OBITUARIES

**James T. Watkins**  
1871-1934

Dr. James T. Watkins, one of the leaders in orthopedic surgery on the Pacific Coast, died at his home in San Francisco on February 18, 1934. Doctor Watkins was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in New York City in 1894. Following a residency in the St. Francis Hospital in New York City, he studied orthopedic surgery with Lorenz in Vienna and with Langer in Munich. Upon his return to the United States he came to San Francisco, and in 1902 was appointed assistant orthopedic surgeon at the Children's Hospital. With this institution he was identified for the major part of his career.

In January, 1907, Doctor Watkins was appointed health officer of San Francisco and later became city physician. His duties after the San Francisco Fire were particularly arduous, and through his efforts public health matters in the city were placed on a sound basis. Actively identified with the American Orthopedic Association, he was honored by its presidency in 1927.

Doctor Watkins was well known to the profession of California and had an exceptionally large number of friends. Frequently he would go to great trouble to do something to please an acquaintance. His presence at medical society meetings always served to enliven the proceedings. He was well versed in the classics and interested in all worthy cultural matters. A loyal member of the profession, Doctor Watkins served his community for many years with distinction and his place in the profession will be difficult to fill.

C. D. LEAKE.

## C. M. A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS\*

### Socialized Medicine in Canada†

Judging from some of the leading medical journals of the Canadian provinces, the Canadian medical profession is confronted with the greatest crisis in its history, arising from a definite movement, backed in part by the government of some of the provinces, for the socialization of medical service on a wholesale scale.

How the Canadian medical profession has reacted to this impending revolutionary readjustment and what steps it has decided, or will decide, upon to meet the issue are of vital importance to the profession of this country, inasmuch as conditions and environments in Canada and the United States are in some respects similar.

Some aspects of the Canadian situation were analyzed by the editor of the *Vancouver, B. C., Medical Association Bulletin* in a recent issue of that publication. His comments, published herewith in part, should serve as a reminder to the medical profession of this country that social and economic movements, whether they be right or wrong, recognize no geographic boundaries and that the serious problems which now confront our neighboring colleagues may easily become equally as serious issues in our own environs in the not distant future.

"The elections have come and gone, and the world is, we are assured, once more safe for democracy," the Vancouver editor opines.

"And now for King Charles' head once more. What are we, as a profession, going to do next? The present government has put health insurance in its platform, and we do not doubt that it is intending shortly to take steps to bring in as large a measure of health insurance as it can find it wise or expedient to do at this time. What is our attitude to be at this juncture? Should we offer our help and constructive suggestions, or should we adopt the *laissez faire* attitude, and allow things to develop?

"We feel strongly that we should adopt the former position and be ready with an offer of our services and experience. But among the other effects of the depression is a complete realignment of the factors that go to make up the problem of medical care.

"When health insurance was first mooted, years ago, in British Columbia as in other parts of this continent, social conditions were entirely different. The vast majority of people were working, and every person born into the world, at least every male person, was expected to be a working unit as soon as he reached a certain age. It had gone on so long that statistical tables were based on it as an axiom of the social order. It was supposed that our social system was stable and would remain so. Compensation funds, unemployment insurance tables, pension calculations, were based upon a supposed security and certainty of occupation. And health insurance, as a remedy for the undoubted evils of our present system of caring for the sick, was also based on the theory of contribution by all workers to a fund. Due allowance would be made for seasonal unemployment, but that would be all. The actuary could calculate to a dime what the cost would be to the individual and to the state.

"But now an entirely new picture presents itself. Of course, as part of this there is a vast increase in unemployment, but this is not necessarily permanent, though at the moment it seems to be heading in that direction. But that is not the whole of the story. The past few years have shown us that our social structure is not so stable nor so sound as we had thought. Unemployment is not only seasonal, nor due to the laziness of the worker. It is due to other conditions of technology, of world trade and tariffs, of inter-

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national relations that have not till recently been clearly seen and have not yet been grappled with, but we may be sure of one thing, that unless these problems are faced and solved in the very near future, it is going to go very hard with our civilization and with us.

"So that the question again arises in our mind, 'Is health insurance an adequate solution?' or must we dig deeper? Is it not possible that we shall have to go more to the root of the matter and try to think out a scheme which will be more suited to any rearrangement of the elements in our social compound?"

"We think so, and we think, too, that we should, in honesty and fairness, dig deeper into our own problem of the practice of medicine as a whole. We must clean house. We must remove certain of the barnacles which have grown on the good ship's keel. We cannot altogether justify or seek to perpetuate some of the present-day conditions of medical practice. We know, let us be honest about it, that there are many things today which make it difficult for us to be always perfectly honest with our public."

## THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION \*

### Component County Auxiliaries

**Alameda County.**—The March 16 meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Alameda County Medical Association was held at the Women's Athletic Club. Mrs. James Eaves was luncheon hostess, and was assisted by Mrs. A. W. Henry and her committee. Mrs. C. W. Bice was in charge of reservations for the day.

After luncheon there was a business meeting followed by a round-table discussion, of which Mrs. Harold Trimble is chairman. The subjects were: *Our Relation to the Community Chest; Our Relation to the County Hospital—How It Functions and What It Does; Our Relation to the Children's Hospital; and Our Relation to the Tuberculosis Association.* Mrs. Leonard Barnard reported the successful coöperation of the Auxiliary in the Community Chest drive.

Miss Mildred Baldwin gave several delightful vocal selections, and was accompanied by Mrs. Grace Eberhart on the piano, after which our speaker of the day, Mrs. William Palmer Lucas, was introduced. Her talk on *Our Responsibility as Citizens in the Changing Economic Order* was entertaining as well as instructive.

**Los Angeles County.**—In the Los Angeles County Auxiliary, the month of March was well sprinkled by committee teas, where plans and the coffee-kettle simmered happily together. These have proved a pleasant way of uniting work and the amenities, airing ideas, dividing tasks to be done and sharing joys of the goals won. Mrs. William A. Swim, as membership chairman, is director of our largest committee, heading a group of co-workers whose fine efforts have brought our roster to well over three hundred.

On March 12, Mrs. Mark Albert Glaser, the *Hygeia* chairman, was hostess at a campaign tea for her committee. In a discussion on the best means of promoting *Hygeia*, it was agreed that each member there would try to secure five subscriptions at the bargain rate of a \$1.25 each. This price was made possible by the Auxiliary forfeiting the regular commission. Fifty per cent of the quota of subscriptions was soon paid and more are coming in constantly. As guest speaker,

\* As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association are formed, the names of their officers should be forwarded to Mrs. Thomas J. Clark, chairman of the Publicity and Publications Committee, 40 Ross Circle, Oakland. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed by Mrs. Clark and must be sent to her before publication takes place in this column. For lists of state and county officers, see advertising page 6. The Council of the California Medical Association has instructed the editor to allocate one page in every issue for Woman's Auxiliary notes.

Dr. Margaret Farr-Hara keenly interested all there with her talk on her recent trip to the penal institutions of Mexico on the Tres Marias Islands.

Mrs. John J. Barrow, president of the Los Angeles Auxiliary, arranged for the regular meeting on March 27 a most interesting tour through the new Los Angeles County Hospital, one of the finest institutions of its kind, recently completed at a cost of some \$13,000,000. Superintendent Martin welcomed the Auxiliary members in the auditorium, where Mr. Ben Read, secretary of the Public Health League, in his address on current medical legislation brought out clearly the pressing need of alertness and intelligent action on the part of the profession. Under the kind guidance of Mr. Gustav Olson, assistant superintendent, typical units on several of the twenty floors were visited, as well as the surgery, the library, record rooms, and the vast and immaculate kitchens. At four o'clock, tea was served, with the chef and chiefs of commissary assisting hospitably at the refreshing rites, which brought to a close an exceptionally worthwhile day.

MRS. ELMER BELT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

**Orange County.**—The Woman's Auxiliary to the Orange County Medical Association held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Zaiser at the Orange County Hospital, with Mesdames F. L. Chapline, E. M. Beasley, and W. S. Wallace as assisting hostesses.

Mrs. Ray Green, chairman of the Committee on Public Relations, reviewed a report from the County Medical Association of the findings of the Economic and Public Relations Committees, stating the results of their study of plans presented by various insurance companies to establish their systems of health insurance in Orange County. Up to date the Association has not felt justified in sanctioning any of the plans presented.

Mrs. D. R. Ball, program chairman, introduced Miss Julia Salisbury, instructor of the Nurses' Training School at the Orange County Hospital. She directed a program presented by a group of student nurses, who told in detail of their course of study as they progressed through the two years of the training school. Miss Coralie Derr first told of the high qualifications necessary for entrance to the training school. Three young women followed, appearing in the uniforms of their respective ranks, and told of what was expected of the students of each class.

On adjourning, the members enjoyed, as usual, the friendly tea hour about a tea table.

**Riverside County.**—An opportunity to observe the benefits to be derived by crippled children from the Community Hospital orthopedic pool was given doctors' wives at the last meeting of the Auxiliary of the Riverside County Medical Society.

Doctor Barnard, of the Los Angeles Orthopedic Hospital, was present for the meeting and stressed the benefit to be derived from such treatment, not only from the viewpoint of the crippled child, but from the public standpoint, in assisting children to overcome their weaknesses and become self-supporting citizens instead of helpless cripples and wards of their communities.

Miss Melba Wilson, who teaches these children their school work in their own homes, also spoke of the need for an orthopedic school. She stated that if there were facilities at the hospital the children would be able to have more of the teacher's time and instruction, and they would be encouraged by seeing other children strive to overcome their handicaps.

**Sacramento County.**—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held Tuesday evening, March 20, at the home of Mrs. G. Parker Dillon, Mrs. Howard Hall presiding. Mrs. Krull reported that over 250 books were in use at the County Hospital.

Mrs. Hendersen, state president, could not be present, so she asked Mrs. Scatena to speak for her about

the coming state society convention. Mrs. Hendersen was commended for her efforts in bringing about the "health program" of lectures over the radio which has been started in Sacramento, under the adult education work, and through which teachers will be given employment.

It was voted to accept Mrs. Recker's invitation for the April meeting to be held in Placerville, with the Placerville members as hostesses.

After the business meeting the guests enjoyed bridge, which was followed by refreshments.

MRS. FRANK P. BRENDLE,  
Corresponding Secretary.

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**San Diego County.**—At the January meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the San Diego County Medical Society, plans were made for a benefit musical tea which will take the place of the regular meeting in April. The proceeds of this affair will go to the Crippled Children's Fund.

Dr. Anita Muhl, prominent local psychiatrist, spoke to the auxiliary on *Mental Hygiene*.

ELIZABETH EAGER, Secretary.

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**San Joaquin County.**—The Woman's Auxiliary to the San Joaquin County Medical Society held its March meeting at the home of Mrs. S. F. Priestly, Stockton.

Dr. J. H. Toner, director of the Department of Institutions, read a paper on *What the State Is Doing for Its Misfits*. He described a mental hospital as a colony of individuals who are unable to make a normal adjustment to their social environment, and the aim of those in charge to create a social life within the walls of the institution corresponding as closely as possible to the external world. He stated that 45 per cent were discharged or returned to their families; of these, only a small percentage were in the hospital more than a year. He emphasized the importance for early recognition of mental disorders and early treatment; also that a successful state program is dependent upon an adequately informed public along mental hygiene lines, and urged the members to visit the state institutions and know what is being done for the welfare of the patients. He paid a fine tribute to Doctor Smyth, medical director and superintendent of the Stockton State Hospital, the only woman holding such a position in America.

ELLA B. CONZELMANN, R. N., Secretary.

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### COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

#### WASHOE COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Washoe County Medical Society was held in the State Building on the night of April 10, H. A. Paradis, president, presiding.

After discussing various matters of business pertaining to the society, the papers for the evening were presented for discussion. The first paper, *General Consideration in Fracture Cases*, by Dr. Donald Maclean of Reno, was followed by an extempore discussion on *Consideration of Fractures of the Hip Joint* by Dr. Horace J. Brown of Reno.

Doctor Maclean said in part: "In the past thirty years a widespread mechanization has taken place in this country, not only in industrial communities, but an intimate feature in the daily affairs of most people. This machine age has vastly increased the risk of injury in the pursuit of our daily life. This increase of injury, common to both industry and civil life, has

developed a special line of traumatic surgery to meet the requirements. Today, in the United States, it is estimated that there are from 500,000 to 1,000,000 fractures occurring annually. The type of fractures, instead of being of the usual simple variety, have become more complex in their nature. This social and industrial condition makes the treatment of fractures today an outstanding surgical problem. Before the days of the x-ray the treatment of fracture was a simple matter. The fracture was pushed and pulled and pried into position and held by a retaining splint; the simpler the treatment the better. In the case of femurs and other long bones some attempt at extension was made. The strange fact was non-union seldom occurred and the functional result obtained was usually good. Today non-union is of common occurrence and in the end-result of function is rarely perfect."

Doctor Maclean said that fifty years ago the theory prevailed that non-union was due to the severity of the original injury, and this statement is probably correct. Within the last generation the treatment of fractures by metal plates has become prominent as well as new methods of obtaining extension by the use of pins and Balkan frames with the pulleys and weights. In the treatment of all fractures the essential element which the surgeon must possess is a definite knowledge of the anatomy and the physiology of the affected parts. Extension and reduction should be made manually wherever possible and the sense of touch of the surgeon should determine the longitudinal and lateral position of the corrected parts. The general treatment of fractures consists first in the accurate diagnosis of the parts involved.

(In this day of legal entanglements the surgeon must protect himself, always resorting to x-ray and in many cases also to consultation to back up his treatment. With shyster lawyers whose solemn looks and spurious sympathy in behalf of the client can damage a surgeon's reputation beyond repair if not upheld by supporting counsel of his confrères.)

Accurately taken and properly read x-ray pictures and proper reduction and proper retention are the essential treatments of the fracture based upon the anatomic knowledge of the parts involved. In nearly all cases a general anesthesia is necessary. (A patient who refuses to submit to anesthesia as an aid in reduction should immediately be told by the surgeon to seek another doctor, thereby avoiding any legal complication which might ensue if a proper function is not obtained.)

In conclusion Doctor Maclean said that no compound fracture should ever be operated upon until all chance of infection had subsided. Better a deformed bone than a low-grade osteomyelitis entailing suffering and disability with a final possibility of a greater deformity than would have occurred if the parts had been allowed to heal of their own accord.

In the discussion of Doctor Brown's talk of hip-joint fractures, Dr. J. L. Robinson brought out the historical fact that Dr. Maxwell of Keokuk, Iowa, was the originator of the cardinal principle of abduction of the thigh and flexion of the leg at the knee joint. This position usually reduced the fracture as nearly as it could be reduced by putting the leg in a position of anatomic and physiologic rest.

This concluded the business of the meeting. A good attendance was present.

THOMAS W. BATH, Secretary.

Let the old, gripped by baseless and adamantine food prejudices, continue in their dietary abominations. Many of their organs are already marked for the grave and, at most, their efforts to think result only in a rearrangement of their prejudices. But do spare our children from such prejudices, to the end that they may grow up sounder of mind and limb and, therefore, more able to carry on the burdens that we will surely hand to them. And who knows but what dietary intelligence among the children may in some small way seep through to their parents.—George H. Bigelow, M. D.